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FOR: CU

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ALTHOUGH WE ASSUME OUR A-104 FEBRUARY 16 AND THE ITALIAN
DRAFT WILL HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED ANSWERS, FOLLOWING ARE
REPLIES TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY DEPARTMENT' S 231027
PARAGRAPH 3:

A) MFA FAVORS USE OF BINATIONAL COMMISSION AS EVIDENCED
BY ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF ITALIAN DRAFT.

B) PROPOSED AGREEMENT WILL GIVE COMMISSION LEGAL
STATUS TO WHICH MFA CAN MAKE DIRECT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.
ACCORDING TO MFA, THIS PRECISELY WHY NEW AGREEMENT NECESSARY.
AS TO HOW CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE MADE, ITALIAN TREASURY CHECK
WILL BE GIVEN TO COMMISSION WHICH WILL DEPOSIT IT TO COMMISSION' S
ACCOUNT (DOES DEPARTMENT PERCEIVE SOME PROBLEM WITH WHATEVER
SYSTEM OF DIRECT PAYMENT MFA WILL USE?) PROVISION
NECESSARY TO CREATE LEGAL ENTITY AND PERMIT DIRECT PAYMENT
CONTAINED IN ARTICLES 1 AND 5 OF ITALIAN DRAFT WHICH HAS
APPROVAL OF MFA LEGAL OFFICE. PROCEDURE WILL COMPRISE AGREEMENT
BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS FOLLOWED BY SUBMISSION TO AND HOPEFULLY
APPROVAL BY PARLIAMENT WHICH UNDER ITALIAN CONSTITUTION
HAS COMPETENCE TO CREATE LEGAL ENTITY TO WHICH GOI CAN
CONTRIBUTE FUNDS. FOR MFA' S VIEW OF NECESSARY DIFFERENCES
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BETWEEN OLD AND NEW AGREEMENT SEE ITALIAN DRAFT.

C) AND D) ANSWERED BY ITALIAN DRAFT AND OUR A-104.
DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH REVIEW LAST PARAGRAPH OUR A-104
AND DEPARTMENT' S DRAFT SENT US WITH A-292 OCTOBER II,
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